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THE SOONER THE BETTER.

The pension appropriation bill which was reported Wednesday carries \$14,121,830. General H. V. Boynton, an ex-Union veteran, and Washington correspondent of Republican proclivities, points out that this \$14,121,830 is out of a total of \$302,000,000, in round numbers, for all congressional expenses, and declares that, in the opinion of experts, the pension bill next year will call for \$150,000,000, and in three years for \$170,000,000. General Boynton further says that "if the pension lists could be printed, every community in the land would be disgusted with its revelations. Wealthy men in large numbers would be found upon it. Thousands would be revealed whose disabilities were only temporary, and so long since disappeared." To such men, he adds, "a pension should be a badge of shame."

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, in discussing General Boynton's calculation, and comments, says that it is notorious in every community that the most shameless frauds have been perpetrated upon the government in connection with the pension system, and concludes that there are unmistakable signs of an impending storm over pension abuses. The storm to which the Republican alludes, and signs of which are also seen by other papers, is the storm of indignation that has been brewing among the tax-payers in the North and West. The sooner it bursts the better. Not until it does burst, and with such force as shall threaten to sweep away the congressional fences that are now kept up by condoning pension frauds and pension jobbery, will there be reform in this matter.

BATTLE ROYAL ON WHEAT.

Over December wheat a battle royal is in progress between P. D. Armour and the Letters. A Chicago special to the New York Herald says Armour is "short" a long line, and wheat seems hard to get together, but the Letters stand ready to pay for all they have purchased—the amount being between 7,000,000 and 10,000,000 bushels. Armour is securing the West for stock, and bending every energy towards securing its delivery in Chicago before the first of the year. He is hiring tugs to assist in keeping open the harbor at Duluth and the straits of Sault Ste. Marie, and has dynamite ready to scatter the ice whenever it may clog a passage in the lakes and obstruct his grain fleet.

The same special says wheat for December delivery sold in Chicago at \$1.09. Thrasher, and few would have been surprised had it reached \$1.50.

We shall watch the fight with interest; not that we care a grain of wheat which side wins, but in the hope that it may benefit the farmers who have been holding their crops in part or in whole for a rise in price.

FARMER GIRLS.

Minnesota has established State schools of agriculture for girls. One, which has just been opened, affords first-class accommodations for sixty, and this year for the first time women may enjoy the fullest privileges and academic honors on a par with men.

We know of a number of Virginia women who are successful farmers. And there are thousands of others whose work in raising poultry and making butter contributes very largely to the finances of their households.

The value of the egg "crop" in this country is enormous, and Virginia contributes a considerable share of it. In many instances, the bulk of the actual money that farmers' families have the year round comes from the sale of eggs and chickens.

There is, as yet, no demand here for such a school as Minnesota has established, but there may be before many years have passed.

The Baltimore City Charter Commission has agreed to recommend that the term of the Mayor shall be four years; that the salary shall be \$5,000 a year; that the Mayor shall have the power of appointment of city officers, subject to the confirmation of the Second Branch of the City Council; that the heads of departments and sub-departments shall have the sole power of appointment and removal; that the heads of departments shall have the privilege of the floor in the First Branch of the Council; that the Mayor, Comptroller, and the president of the Second Branch shall be elected by

popular vote, and hold their places four years; that the president of the Second Branch shall perform the duties of the Mayor in his absence, and that all commissions shall have minority representation as regards parties.

So says the Baltimore American, which adds that "of the eleven recommendations made by the City Council, Mr. Hayes, to this commission, eight have in full, or in part, been adopted, and most of the others have been postponed for further discussion."

TOO MANY ELECTIONS.

Certainly we have too many elections in this State, but we agree with those members of the General Assembly who demand that proposed changes shall be considered with the utmost caution and deliberation.

In some cases constitutional amendments will have to be adopted in order to effect the results aimed at. For instance, here in Richmond, once in six years, we have an election to choose a City Treasurer.

Owing to the fact that a very heavy bond is required of this officer, candidates for the position are always few in number, and often the incumbent has no opposition at all. That was the case this year. Nevertheless an election had to be held and all the usual formalities observed—all at the cost of the city of Richmond.

This sort of thing has been going on ever since the Underwood Constitution was adopted. The necessary constitutional amendment might have been put through years and years ago, but nobody took the trouble to have it done. The reason for this seeming indifference to our interests is that the Treasurer is elected for a three-years' term and every other term his election falls concurrently with that of a long list of municipal officers. Then the Treasurer's election imposes no extra cost. But the time has now come when a change should be made, and to this end a constitutional amendment will have to be prepared covering all the points involved.

Changes, too, should be made, as far as possible, in general elections, so as to consolidate them where this may be prudently done. That in the making of these changes difficult questions will arise and some constitutional amendments may be indispensable we can readily understand. So we do not urge haste, but we do urge that the matter be taken hold of as soon as possible and pushed forward as promptly as is practical, having due regard to the importance of the work and the accuracy that is essential to its well being.

It is not alone upon the public purse that these numerous elections bear heavily. They are a severe tax upon the time and attention of the people. To our mind, this consideration far outweighs that of the mere cost imposed upon the cities and counties.

The Dispatch, of course, holds to the good old Democratic doctrine of "frequent elections"; but we do not wish them to be too frequent! And we are victims of the latter practice now. When it comes to having two elections one year and one the next, as is the case here, we are in danger of being overwhelmed with too much of a good thing.

THE HAWAIIAN JOB.

It is said that the advocates of Hawaiian annexation practically concede that they cannot muster in the Senate the two-thirds vote necessary to the ratification of the treaty, but that they hope to consummate their scheme by means of a bill, which only requires a majority for its passage. If the opponents of annexation manage their case properly, the bill-dodge will probably stand as a chance of success as would "ratification."

The proposed bill would be subject to discussion in open session of Congress, and, as a consequence, the public could be made acquainted with the jobbery connected with the whole annexation scheme from the time a usurping government was established at Honolulu under our guns till the present.

A full discussion of the bill would show unwarranted interference on our part in the affairs of the island, which enabled a ring to overthrow the lawfully-constituted authorities; disclose the fact that the Hawaiians do not desire annexation, and expose the reprehensible part the treaty was expected to play in greasing the wheels of the tariff machinery. It would vindicate Mr. Cleveland's denunciation of the job, and demonstrate that the only condition that could justify us in annexing the islands at present—the condition of menace to the integrity of the Monroe doctrine—does not now exist. Nor is this condition likely to obtain for some time to come. Agitation of the annexation question has developed clearly the fact that foreign nations recognize that Hawaii comes within the scope of the Monroe doctrine, and to that extent is already virtually under our protection. There is no more danger of a foreign Power's seizing the islands, so long as we stand firm on that doctrine, than there would be of its seizing them were they an integral part of the United States.

With the lights before the people that comprehensive discussion of the bill would shed, there ought to be, and doubtless would be, engendered a popular antagonism to the job that Congress would not dare disregard.

Senator Lindsay, having been quoted as saying that the leaders of the gold Democrats "have no plans mapped out for the future," the Ohio State Journal (Republican) takes compassion on them, and invites them in out of the cold. They should, says the Journal, have plans, and adds our contemporary, "in justice, reason, and consistency these should lead them to active and unyielding co-operation with the administration."

To that complexion it must come at last, unless they are prepared to return to the house of their fathers, or seek some vast wilderness of financial impracticability, some boundless contiguity of political shade, and there flock alone and forgotten all by themselves.

The Hawaiian protest before the Federal Senate against the annexation of Hawaii to the United States starts out as follows:

"PALAPALA HOOPHI KUE HOOHUAINA.
"I ka Mea Mahaloa Wm. McKinley, Presidena, a me ka Aha Senata, o Amerika Huiulua.
"Me ka Mahalo: No ka mea, ua waloha aku imua o ka Aha Senata o Amerika, Huiulua he Kulihaui no ka Hooahu aku ia Hawaii nei i Amerika. Huiulua i oleloa, no ka noonoona ma kora kan loko o Dekemabua, M. H. 1897; nolaila," Etc., etc.

That certainly looks as if it ought to be effective.

An eminent French physician claims to have discovered the microbe of baldness—near the footlights, of course.

"The Shah of Persia has a great reverence for cats. He has fifty of them, and

each one has an attendant of its own. When he travels they go along, being carried by men on horseback." He probably finds them a mow-ling.

Scratch Hawaiian annexation. It is said, and sugar begins to crystallize on the spot.

Don't forget that it's the early Christmas shopper that catches the best.

NEWSPAPER NEWS.

A Fire—An Interview With Senator Martin.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 10.—(Special.)—Fire broke out in a three-story frame building at the corner of Lafayette avenue and Forty-fifth street last night, and the building was partially destroyed before the flames were extinguished, entailing a loss, including household effects, of \$1,000. There was no insurance. The lower floor was occupied as a beer saloon, and the upper stories as a boarding-house. The ten boarders had to scurry out in their night-clothes to save their lives.

Senator Thomas S. Martin passed through this city this afternoon, accompanied by his wife and child, en route for Smithfield. Questioned by the Dispatch's correspondent, he said he did not think that present Congress would accomplish anything in the way of currency legislation. Senator Martin said he was in favor of a postal telegraph system owned by the government. Regarding the establishment of postal savings banks, he said it was a matter that would receive serious consideration.

Death of a Benefactor of Winchester.

WINCHESTER, VA., December 10.—(Special.)—A telegram was received here this morning by ex-Governor F. W. M. Holliday, announcing the death last night in Louisville, Ky., of Mr. R. A. Robinson, a retired millionaire merchant of that city. Mr. Robinson was a native of this county, having been born here in 1815, and was, therefore, 82 years of age. He received his education at the old Winchester Academy, and when a young man removed to Louisville, where, with but a penny, he started upon a business career from which he retired some years ago a millionaire. Mr. Robinson was one of four of Winchester's benefactors, only one of whom is now living—Mr. Charles Broadway Rouse—the other three having been John Handley, of Scranton, Pa., who left over \$2,000,000 to the city of Winchester, and John Kerr, the founder of the school which bears his name. Prominent among Mr. Robinson's benefactions was the Shenandoah Valley Academy, of this place, which he endowed several years ago. Four valuable scholarships to that institution bear his name. Mr. Robinson is survived by seven sons, one of whom married a daughter of General Albert Sydney Johnston, and a sister of the wife of ex-Congressman Harry St. George Tucker, of Staunton, Va.

Survey for a New Railroad.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 10.—(Special.)—It is learned to-night that the Atlantic-Coast Line has completed the survey for a road between New Bern and Kinston, and will speedily construct it. The road is to follow the old route of the Atlantic and North Carolina railway, in which the State is a two-thirds owner.

President's English.

(New York Herald.)
It ought to be a synonyme, like King's English or Queen's English, for pure or correct English. The phrase King's English is at least as old as Shakespeare. John Ruskin says in the "Merry Wives of Windsor": "Here will be an old abusing of God's patience and the King's English." Probably it was a mark of loyalty to assume that the King spoke and wrote the best English. Generally he did not; he took liberties with it, as does her present Majesty the Queen.

The President also takes liberties. In the first sentence of his message he says, "It gives me pleasure to extend greeting to the distinguished persons (male and female) have been unable to accept the positions for want of shoes. Last winter some of the prominent King donated a large lot of shoes and rubbers, which were a godsend to the poor. Donations may be sent to 13 North Sixth street, St. Louis, Mo., or to 15 East Franklin street, Mrs. A. Y. STOKES, President City Mission.

Shoes Needed by the Poor.
(For the Dispatch.)
Will not the kind-hearted merchants, wholesale and retail, come to our relief by giving us some of their old stocks of shoes? In many instances, when work is done, the shoes are worn out, and the poor are unable to accept the positions for want of shoes. Last winter some of the prominent King donated a large lot of shoes and rubbers, which were a godsend to the poor. Donations may be sent to 13 North Sixth street, St. Louis, Mo., or to 15 East Franklin street, Mrs. A. Y. STOKES, President City Mission.

Much More Suitable.
(Pittsburg Chronicle.)
Cupid's weapon used to be a bow and arrows," remarked Mr. Homewood, "but the shotgun is used in courtship a great deal now-a-days."

"Isn't it absurd, too?" replied Miss Point Brezo, "when another sort of gun is so much more appropriate?"
"What sort of gun do you mean?"
"Popgun."

A Modern Young Man.

(Cincinnati Enquirer.)
"Darling," he cried, using the word as if it were a discovery belonging solely to himself; "darling, I am yours, heart and soul!"
A cynical observer might have noticed, however, that he retained possession of his senses and did not lose his head.

His Hilarity.

(Cincinnati Enquirer.)
"T'd like Brown better if he didn't always laugh at his own jokes."
"He doesn't. He laughs at you fellows who are fools enough to listen to them."

Love and Time.

(Chap Book.)
Across the gardens of Life they go,
A strange, ill-mated pair;
By path where naught but blossoms blow,
By paths neglected where gaunt weeds grow.
But hand in hand, through joy and care
Across the gardens of Life they go.

The one is old, and grim, and gray;
His eyes stare out like one in distress,
Across his breast the wrinkles stray,
The sands in his glass fall day by day.
Over his shoulder the scythe-blade gleams,
And he is old, and grim, and gray.

And one is young, and bright, and fair;
The golden curls about his head
Shine as a halo; his red lips are rare,
The birds in his heart, he knows no care,
Joy in his heart is never dead—
He lives to love, and he is fair.

Hoar-headed Time was never young;
And Love on earth can never grow old;
Across his breast the wrinkles stray,
The sands in his glass fall day by day.
Over his shoulder the scythe-blade gleams,
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Together, through way of joy and woe,
Though one is old and one is fair,
By paths where naught but blossoms blow,
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ROCKBRIDGE.

May Go Into Blast—Lexington Locals.

Washington and Lee.

LEXINGTON, VA., December 10.—(Special.)—Mr. Henry D. Turney, of Columbus, Ohio, who is the largest stockholder in the large iron furnace at Goshen, has been inspecting that property. It is thought, with a view of making necessary repairs preparatory to putting the furnace in blast. The furnace property has been placed in charge of Mr. Lew Lemert, of Columbus, O., who has a force at work painting the stack. The starting up of this valuable industry in that part of the county will give employment to many hands. The furnace is one of the largest in the State.

The store of J. O. McClellan & Co., at Goshen, was entered by thieves, who secured a lot of merchandise. An entrance was effected by breaking the glass in the transom over the main entrance. The booty secured amounted to about \$20. The last party of deer-hunters out were Messrs. Luther Engleman, Spotswood Willis, J. M. and R. Tolley, J. Forbes, and James Reynolds. They spent several days, camped in the mountains at the Rockbridge Alum Springs. They returned without having secured a single deer, although three were started by their dogs. After a short run the dogs gave up the chase. The hunters attribute their bad luck to the worthless dogs they had.

Mr. Charles H. Wilson, formerly of Colliertown, in this county, who has for the past three years managed the Junction store of the Winifrede Coal Company, has been promoted to the position of purchasing agent for that company. He will have his headquarters at Winifrede, W. Va.

Mr. William L. Wilson, president of the Washington and Lee University, addressed the Economic Class of that institution on the tariff question at their last lecture. There was also present a large number of students from the various other classes and quite a number of the town people. At the regular Wednesday weekly assembly of the entire student body he continued his address on the United States' position. In completing his subject he brought out many interesting facts relating to that august body.

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No one can read the following letter without being inspired with confidence in this great remedy.

630 Elm street, Buffalo, N. Y., July 23.
About eight years ago, after the birth of a child, I suffered terribly. I could not get help from over a dozen physicians to whom I applied, and after receiving treatment from the last doctor continually for nine months, was nearly cured and continued so until the birth of another child, when I was obliged to commence doctoring again, although all imaginable treatments had been resorted to without one particle of relief.

I was subject to neuralgic troubles and slightly rheumatic, and I became discouraged and melancholy, feeling that I should never again be a well woman.

I was in a pitiful state, when my husband, who had been benefited by the use of Paine's celery compound, urged me to try it. In a remarkably short time after I began taking the remedy I began to notice a change for the better. Before I had taken three bottles I was well. I consider my cure a miracle, for I had tried a great many doctors and different drugs and spent hundreds of dollars in vain. Respectfully yours,

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